

# **BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012**

**A special meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, June 18, 2012, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, John C. Bento, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:20 PM.**

**Present: John C. Bento, Chair, Karen A. Lynch, Secretary, Denise R. Arsenault (5:44 PM), Diana B. Campbell, Marjorie J. McBride, Susan Rancourt and John P. Saviano; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration and Finance**

**Absent: Paul Silva and William O'Dell**

## **OPENING BUSINESS**

**All present were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**S2012-25 A-D: PERSONNEL**

**A. APPOINTMENT:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent as listed below:

**1. Kimberly A. Aguiar Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent**

**Effective: Immediately**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**(Retirement – C. Alfano)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**B. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the extracurricular position listed below for the 2012-13 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running this program):

**FALL COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH**

**Sport Position Coach**

**1. Football Head Coach Brian Cote \***

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**C. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Juliann Giusti from the position of Secretary as listed below:

**1. Juliann Giusti Secretary – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: June 28, 2012**

**Reason: Personal**

**D. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of February 13, 2012 as to the following listed teacher and appoint the listed teacher to the position indicated:

**Name Anticipated Assignment**

**1. Brad Rodrigues To Be Determined Through Posting**

**MOTION:** Mr. Saviano motioned to approve; Mrs. McBride seconded. Regarding item A.1., Mrs. Thies introduced Ms. Aguiar saying she possesses all the attributes and educational credentials as well as a notable work ethic to make the transition a smooth one. Mrs. Thies introduced Mr. Cote, who told the committee he played and coached football in Bristol Warren under Tom Vendituoli, Foxy Marshall and Pat Abbruzzi, and that as a coach, his primary focus is academic

achievement. On behalf of the Committee Mr. Bento welcomed Ms. Aguiar and Mr. Cote. Mrs. Silva added that Ms. Aguiar will be leaving a big hole in the business office where she has been working for the past two and a half years. Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Saviano acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Juliann Giusti saying she has done a phenomenal job as guidance secretary at Mt. Hope as well as with taking minutes for the Wellness Committee and the Elementary Facilities Task Force and Home Building Project. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

**Recommendation #S 2012-18: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/ Facilities Subcommittee, award the bid for asbestos abatement at Hugh Cole School**

**Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. Saviano seconded.**

**Mr. Simmons explained the two bids are from companies unknown to us and the low bidder, Environmental Response Service, received rave recommendations; the other bidder, Coastal Asbestos Removal, Inc., was late to the mandatory walk-through. Mrs. Lynch said that in facilities discussions in the past it was decided no work would be done to the Hugh Cole School; asbestos tiles are not a threat until they are disturbed; she will not vote affirmatively for this recommendation, especially when people in Warren are talking about deregionalization. Mrs. McBride also has a huge issue with working**

on a building when Warren, who is not paying their bill, could possibly walk away with it if deregionalization occurs; however, for the sake of the children at Hugh Cole, but not for the people of Warren, she feels obligated to vote in favor. Mr. Saviano asked Mr. Simmons to explain the deterioration occurring at Hugh Cole. Mr. Simmons said the building has some corners that are breaking up due to settling; his own certification allows him to remove only 25 feet. Mr. Simmons feels personally responsible for the safety of the children and for the appropriate upkeep of the buildings. Mrs. Thies reminded everyone we had to petition RIDE for this work. Mrs. Lynch is more upset about Warren owing us money and fears the Committee will look like fools. Mrs. Campbell argued we are taking the high road. Mrs. Arsenault does not care about politics or bills when it comes to protecting the children. Mr. Saviano pointed out that Warren's bill is not even due and will not be due until this time next year; he feels the Committee should consider the children; he inspected the building himself and it is dangerous. Mr. Bento said the rhetoric from Warren is looking for more representation; he has not heard anything about deregionalization. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 6 to 1 with Mrs. Lynch voting no.

#### **ADJOURNMENT – 5:46 PM**

**MOTION:** At 5:46 PM Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McBride, motioned to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen A. Lynch, Secretary**

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